

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
WESTERN DIVISION**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	
	)	25-20027-01-SHL
STEVEN R. HALE,	)	
Defendant.	)	

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**ORDER ON CHANGE OF PLEA**

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This cause came to be heard on May 27, 2025, the Assistant United States Attorney for this district, Debra Lynn Ireland and Raney L. Irwin, appearing for the Government, and the Defendant, Steven R. Hale, appearing in person and with counsel, Needum Louis Germany, III.

With leave of the Court, the defendant withdrew the not guilty plea heretofore entered and entered a plea of guilty as to Count 2 of the indictment.

Plea colloquy was held and the Court accepted the guilty plea.

SENTENCING in this case is set FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. before Chief Judge Sheryl H. Lipman in Courtroom No. 1, on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the Federal Building in Memphis, Tennessee.

Pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 32.1, the Presentence Report prepared by the United States Probation Officer shall be provided to the parties at least thirty-five (35) days prior to sentencing. Counsel for the parties shall submit any objections or requests in writing to the Probation Officer no more than fourteen (14) days after receiving the report and attempt to resolve any issues involving the report. No more than twenty-one (21) days after receiving the report, the parties shall file their position papers on sentencing with the Court. At least 7 days before the sentencing, the Probation Officer shall submit the final report to the Court and the parties.

Defendant is allowed to remain on bond pending sentencing.

**IT IS SO ORDERED**, this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

s/Sheryl H. Lipman  
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SHERYL H. LIPMAN  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE